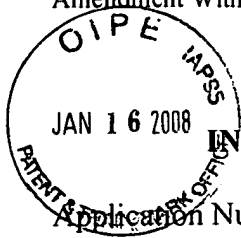


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**AMENDMENT WITH RCE**

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Decision on Request for Rehearing of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decided November 13, 2007. The deadline for reopening prosecution of the present application is two months from the date of the Decision, i.e., January 13, 2008. Thus, this Amendment is being timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.